OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

Ashley National Forest, Vernal, Utah

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Regional Forester

DATE: December 29, 1959

FROM : A. R. McConkie, Forest Supervisor, By

SUBJECT: Acquisition

As you know, the Indian Service is in the process of dividing the Indian lands between the full bloods and the mixed bloods.

The Stockmore Administrative Site, comprising 80 acres, is located in the area being distributed to the mixed bloods. This site was withdrawn from Indian grazing lands subject to all prior claims.

The Indian Service is very anxious to complete the division of these lands, but cannot do so until a decision has been reached as to the legal status of this Administrative Site.

There appears to be several alternatives which are as follows:

1. The Administrative Site Withdrawal be revoked in full and the mixed bloods paid the appraised value of the entire 80 acres.

2. The mixed bloods be approached with the proposition that the Forest Service will revoke withdrawal on the portion of the site not under fence, provided the mixed bloods will agree to convey title to the Forest Service to the area under fence. The portion under fence amounts to approximately 36 acres.

3. The Forest Service request that the present withdrawal stand in full force and effect.

We will appreciate having this case reviewed by legal counsel, and advise us of the proper course to pursue.

Tracing of the area in question is attached. We are also attaching our case folder in the event it will be of some value to you in analyzing the case. Please return it to us when it has served your needs. - Returned 2-16-60 sd

Attachments

H. C. Rowland

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Lands Files: "2860 Withdrawal From Mineral Entry, Stockmore Ranger Station"

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
FIELD MAP SHEET

Top 2 Bottom 8 Scale ..... inches=1 mile

T. 1N R. 8W Sec. 19+20

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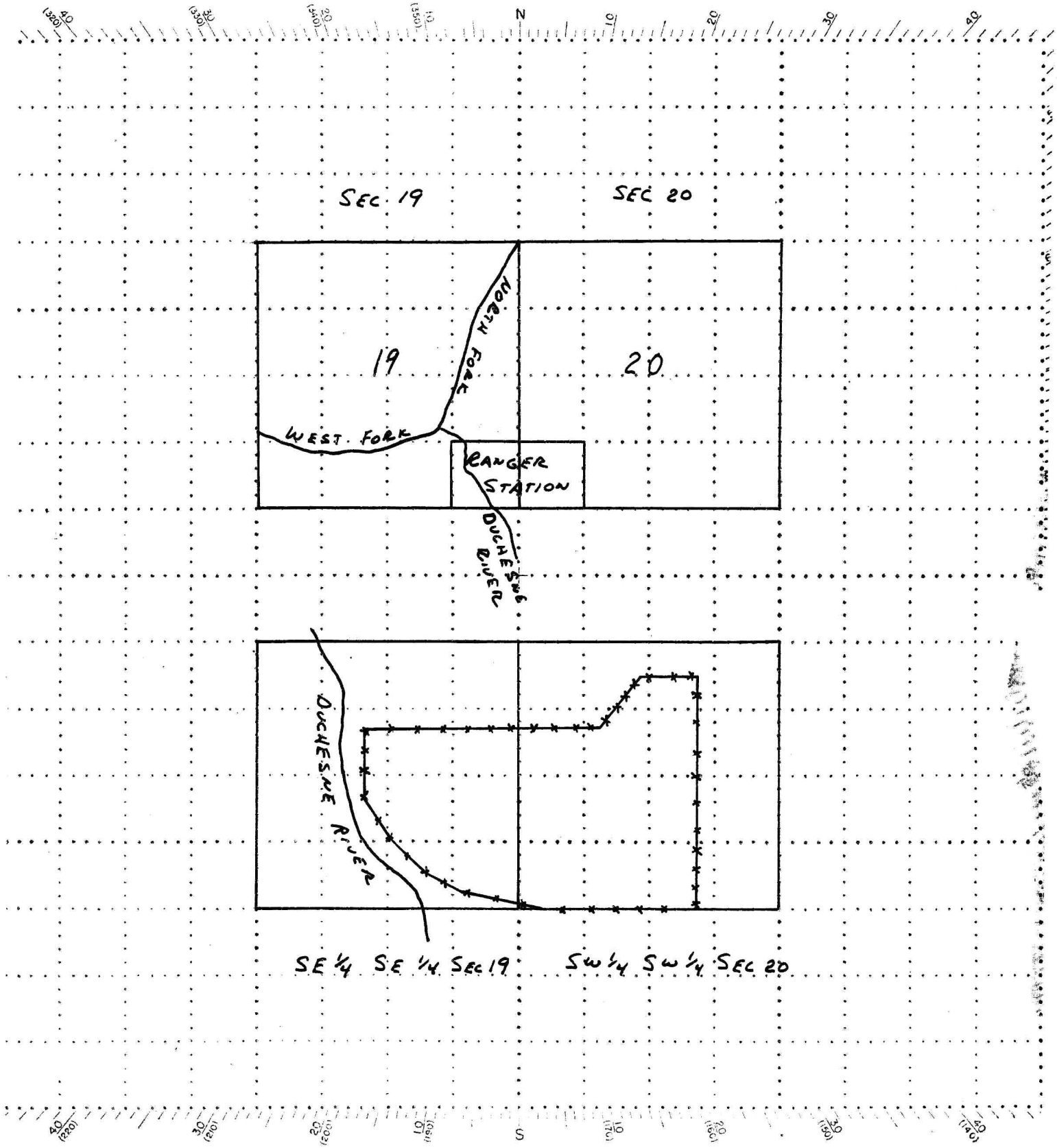

Field work by H. L. STEVENS Date DEC 22, 1959 Plotted by H. L. STEVENS

Remarks LOCATION OF FENCE LINE ONLY APPROXIMATE

Approved Dec 29 1959 A.C. Rowland . A.F.S.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
STATE OFFICE
Post Office Box No. 777
Salt Lake City 10, Utah

2760
Withdrawals
Ashley
Stockmore Ranger Station

March 2, 1960

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Regional Forester
U. S. Forest Service
Forest Service Building
Ogden, Utah

Dear Sir:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has raised a question as to the withdrawal of lands for the Duchesne Administrative Site. The following-described lands were withdrawn for that purpose on February 2, 1908, and are evidently part of the Stockmore Ranger Station Site:

T. 1 N., R. 8 W., USM
Sec. 19: SE¼SE¼;
Sec. 20: SW¼SW¼.

The problem confronting the Bureau of Indian Affairs results from the division of lands between the two groups of Indians as provided in the act of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 868). Under that act the Affiliated Ute Citizens acquired the land in question, but, because of the withdrawal, the Secretary of the Interior is unable to give that group a clear title to the land as required by the act.

In view of the requirement that the withdrawal of public land or the retention of lands in a withdrawal status be supported by a need for the land, it is requested that you give this matter your consideration. It may be that the land is no longer needed as an administrative site in forest management, or that an appropriate site can be provided on land within the national forest boundaries. The latter appears quite possible as the land in question is only a mile or so to the south of the forest boundary. If the withdrawal is to be continued it must be supported by a justification.

I am sure the Bureau of Indian Affairs will appreciate your early review of this withdrawal that appropriate action can be taken relative to the transfer of lands to the Affiliated Ute Citizens. Upon receipt of your reply to this letter, we will take such action as is justified on the request for a review by this office.

Very truly yours,

Val B. Richman
State Supervisor

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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FIELD MAP SHEET

Unit ASHLEY N. F.

Scale 16 inches=1 mile

T. 1N R. 8W Sec. 19-2

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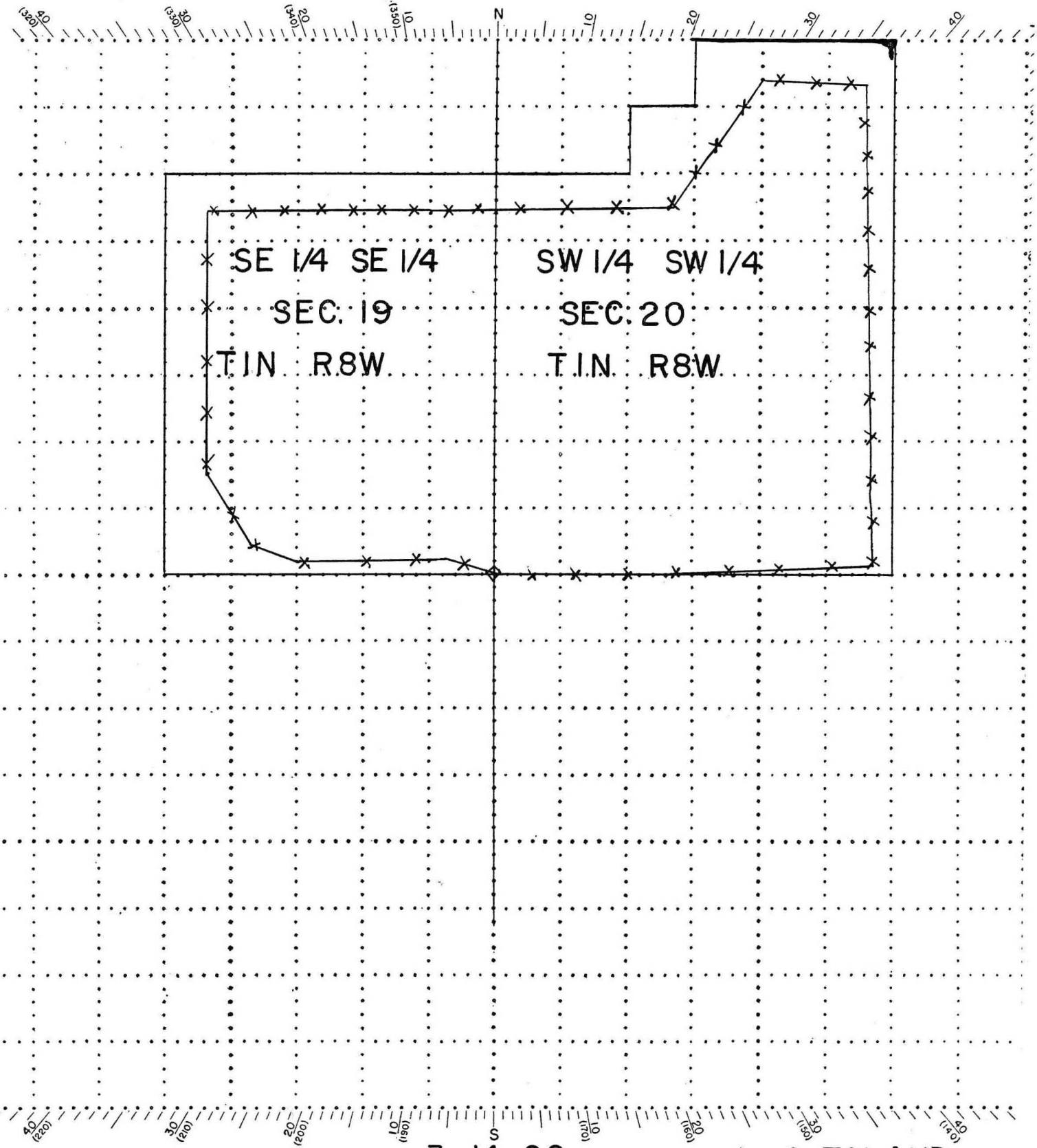

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proved March 14, 1960 Glenn C. Rowland
Approving Officer

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Ashley National Forest, Vernal, Utah

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Regional Forester

DATE: March 14, 1960

FROM : A. R. McConkie, Forest Supervisor, By

F.S. RECEIVED MAR 15 0 LAND

SUBJECT: Withdrawals (Stockmore Ranger Station)

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 7, 1960.

Following are the answers to your numbered questions:

1. Ranger Station Dwelling

Constructed about 1922
Present condition is fair
No recent heavy maintenance
Estimated replacement value - $12,000

Bunk House

Constructed in 1959
Condition excellent
Replacement value - $5,000

Barn & Tool Shed

Constructed about 1922
Present condition poor
Replacement value - $1,500

Pasture Fence

Constructed about 1945
Length 1 mile
Condition good
Replacement value - $1,200

Corral

Constructed in 1959
Condition good
Replacement value - $300.00

Gasoline Pump & Underground 1000 gal. Tank

Installed about 1940
Condition good
Replacement value - $500.00

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2. The site is intensively used each field season. One fire guard is stationed here. In addition, it is used as a field headquarters for the District Ranger, the Assistant Ranger, and district work crews. It is occupied approximately six months each year.

3. It would be very difficult to move this station to a site on National Forest land. To do so would require reconstructing all buildings. Also, such a move would place it off the main road which would be a decided disadvantage, especially during the early and late parts of the season. An adequate water supply is questionable. It could be done, but would be very impractical to do so.

The area actually needed is the area encompassed by the fence as shown on the plat which was furnished you some time ago. The description of the area needed by legal subdivision lines is as follows:

Sec. 19, T. 1 N., R. 8 W., USM

SE¼SE¼SE¼; E½E½SW¼SE¼SE¼; S½NE¼SE¼SE¼; E½SE¼NW¼SE¼SE¼. 18.75 acres

Sec. 20, T. 1 N., R. 8 W., USM

SW¼SW¼SW¼; W½SE¼SW¼SW¼; W½NE¼SW¼SW¼; E½NE¼NW¼SW¼SW¼; SW¼NE¼NW¼SW¼SW¼; S½NW¼SW¼SW¼. 26.875 acres

Total acreage - 45.625 (See attached map)

We believe this site will be needed for National Forest administrative purposes for many, many years.

On January 20, 1960, we mailed a copy of the Chief's letter to Mr. Zollar of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ft. Duchesne, Utah. This procedure was suggested by you in your letter of January 15. We did not reply to your letter of 1/15 since it stated, "If this approach is not satisfactory, we shall appreciate your comments." Since we were in agreement, we thought no reply was required.

We are also attaching a letter received from the Indian Service. Since this is an inter-departmental affair, we assume that you will want to make the reply. We are informing Mr. Zollar that his letter has been transmitted to you for action.

We believe that every effort should be made to hold this administrative site. If we can help in any way, please let us know.

Attachments

H. C. Rowland

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Uintah and Ouray Agency

Fort Duchesne, Utah

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Mr. Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner
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Through Area Director
Phoenix Area Office

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Dear Commissioner:

Tribal lands of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation consisting of the SE¼SE¼ Sec. 19 and the SW¼SW¼ Sec. 20, T1N, R8W, Uinta Meridian, Utah were withdrawn for Forest Service purposes on February 8, 1908. This land is now part of the Stockmore Ranger Station of the Uintah National Forest. The Affiliated Ute Citizens acquired the above land in the division of assets between the Ute Indian Tribe and the Affiliated Ute Citizens as provided in the act of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 868). It is the intent of the act of August 27, 1954 to give clear title to the lands acquired by the Affiliated Ute Citizens or any members of the Affiliated Ute Citizens. Because of the aforementioned withdrawal, the Secretary of the Interior is unable to meet the requirements of the act regarding clear title.

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There has been correspondence between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture regarding the use of the Stockmore Ranger Station. Copies of such correspondence are enclosed for your information.

The Board of Directors of the Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah, in accordance with the act of August 27, 1954 and their Land Disposal Program, awarded to Lawrence A. Pike, a member of the Affiliated Ute Citizens, the sale of the lands in question. Mr. Pike has made full deposit of the accepted purchase price, $1,600.00 and we have further authorized the Bureau of Indian Affairs to proceed in requesting the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent to Lawrence A. Pike.

The Forest Service, in it's letter of March 22 to the Superintendent of Uintah and Ouray Agency, advised that they were opposed to removing the facilities on the Stockmore site to the National Forest lands because of several reasons. The Wasatch National Forest is less than one mile to the north from the present location of the ranger station and it appears to us that the ranger station could be moved accordingly.

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There is enclosed a map of the present site showing the location of the buildings together with pictures numbered to facilitate locating them on the map.

Pictures 1, 2 and 3 are frame or log buildings at the present site. These buildings could be moved to forest lands at a nominal cost. Pictures 4 through 8 show lands of the Wasatch National Forest which we feel could be readily used by the Forest Service as a ranger station site. This suggested site is approximately one mile north of the present ranger station.

The Forest Service cites water supply as a problem in moving the facilities from Indian land. Water facilities are available on the site shown in the pictures 4 through 8 and particuliar attention is invited to picture 8. The spring shown in picture 8 is in back of the aspen grove shown in picture 7 and could be easily piped to any facilities constructed in the vicinity of the aspen grove with four or five sections of pipe. The spring shown in picture 8 produces not less than 3 second feet of water throughout the year. This spring furnishes water to the present ranger station site.

Another item listed in the Forest Service letter is the disadvantage of being off a main road. We wish to point out that a good forest service road presently serves the site shown in pictures 4 through 8. This road can be seen in pictures 4 and 5.

Another item pointed out by the Forest Service is <u>replacement</u> value of existing improvements. We are not familiar with the Forest Service plan of operations but it appears to us that all of these buildings would not need to be replaced in moving to a new location. Some or all of the present facilities could be moved rather than a complete replacement.

Public expense is also listed in the Forest Service letter. The Forest Service has for years occupied this land with no return to the Tribe nor the present owners, the Affiliated Ute Citizens. The Forest Service has also had use of roads across the lands of the Tribe and the lands of the Affiliated Ute Citizens without acquiring approved rights of way.

We have always enjoyed friendly relations with the Forest Service but feel that we are justified in requesting cancellation of the withdrawal in order that the Secretary can meet the requirements stipulated in the act of August 27, 1954 regarding clear title.

If the Forest Service is still of the opinion that the withdrawal should not be disturbed, we have no objection to a land exchange with the Forest Service on lands in the Wasatch National Forest. This exchange should be for an 80 acre piece adjacent to our present lands and we further suggest that it be an 80 acre tract covered by pictures 4 through 8. We suggest that consideration be given to lands in Section 17, T1N, R8W.

Sincerely yours,

Preston V. Allen, President
Board of Directors, AUCU

Enclosures

cc: M. M. Zollar, Superintendent
Uintah & Ouray Agency

John S. Boyden
351 South State Street
Salt Lake City 1, Utah

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AREA DIRECTOR, PHOENIX

2760-5, Stockmore Ranger Station

May 17, 1960

AIRMAIL

Honorable Wallace F. Bennett
United States Senate

Dear Wallace:

This is in reply to your telegram of May 13 requesting a report concerning the Utes' desire that Forest Service facilities be removed from the Stockmore Administrative Site.

Under date of March 2 a letter from State Supervisor Val. B. Richman, Bureau of Land Management, informed us that under the act of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 868) the affiliated Ute citizens acquired the land in question, but because of its withdrawal for administrative purposes, the Secretary of Interior is unable to give a clear title to it as is required by the act. The land was withdrawn on February 2, 1908 as an administrative site for the Forest Service. It consists of 80 acres situated outside national forest boundaries in sections 19 and 20, T. 1 N., R. 8 W., Uinta Special Meridian.

Mr. Richman stated that if the withdrawal is to be continued it must be supported by a justification. He also suggested that we look into the possibility of moving the improvements to a site on national forest land.

Our reply, dated March 23, contained information in support of retention of part of the eighty-acre Forest Service withdrawal. Improvements on the site have an estimated value in excess of $20,000 and are used as a field headquarters about six months of the year by the district ranger, assistant ranger and work crews in administering nearby national forest lands. A fire guard is stationed there each season. To move the improvements would involve considerable public expense and reconstruction, and it would be of considerable disadvantage for early and late season use to have them situated away from the main road.

We informed Mr. Richman that the improvements occupy approximately 46 acres, and that elimination from the withdrawal of the remaining 34 acres would not be detrimental to Forest Service interests. We have not been advised if further action has been taken by the Bureau of Land Management.

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Hon. Wallace F. Bennett - 5/17/60

It is our understanding that special legislation would be required to make the exchange mentioned in your wire. We will be glad to look into this possibility and Forest Supervisor A. R. McConkie is being requested to contact Superintendent M. M. Zollar for that purpose.

We shall keep you informed of further developments.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd Iverson

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Regional Forester

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Washington 25, D. C.

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General Counsel

Richard E. McArdle, Chief By

Purchases, Donations -- Ashley Stockmore Administrative Site

The Regional Forester recommends that condemnation be initiated to obtain title to 80 acres needed in connection with the administration of National Forest lands in Utah. An unusual set of circumstances created the need for this action.

This 80-acre tract was withdrawn by the Secretary of the Interior for use of the Forest Service on February 8, 1908. It has been occupied and used by the Forest Service as an administrative site (Stockmore Ranger Station) since that date. The Government buildings and other improvements installed on this tract in connection with this withdrawal and use include a dwelling, bunk house, barn, tool shed, water system, irrigation ditches, septic tank and disposal field, pasture fences, etc. These have a value of several thousand dollars.

This tract is, however, part of the larger area set aside on July 11, 1905, by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Joint Resolution No. 31 approved June 19, 1902 (32 Stat. 744) as a grazing reserve for the Ute Tribe of Indians and held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Indians. Under the provisions of the Termination of Federal Supervision Act of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 868), these lands constituted assets of this tribe which could be disposed of by sale in furtherance of the distribution of the tribe's property to its individual members. The Indians subsequently awarded to Lawrence A. Pike the sale of this tract for $1,600.

No claim has been made by either the tribe or by Mr. Pike to the Government's improvements on this tract. United States patent no. 1221582 dated July 31, 1961, was issued to Lawrence A. Pike for this tract, excepting and reserving to the United States all buildings and improvements situated on the described premises together with the right to remove or dispose of said buildings and improvements.

We concur with the recommendation that condemnation action be initiated. A declaration of taking is necessary since the Forest Service is presently occupying the Government-owned improvements excepted and reserved to the United States in patent no. 1221582 issued July 31, 1961, to Lawrence A. Pike.

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The Forest Service negotiated and consulted with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the tribe in exhausting all the possibilities of obtaining title to this land from the Indians prior to issuance of the patent to Mr. Pike. It was found that the tribe had sold the land to Mr. Pike and intended to stay with its agreement with him. Negotiations with Mr. Pike have also been carried out but without success. The Forest Service has searched for other suitable sites, but there are none on National Forest land. Other privately-owned lands in the vicinity are either unsuitable or not for sale. If suitable private land existed nearby it would cost over $13,000 to move the buildings and improvements to such lands, if the lands could be acquired.

For Forest Service purposes this 80-acre tract is strategically located at the confluence of the west and north forks of the Duchesne River. It is also at the junction of forest development road No. 127 with State highway No. 35. The latter highway is open to year long travel as a main access route into the High Uintas primitive area. Forest development road no. 127 provides access into the famous Grand Daddy basin area. This administrative site is used in administering the west end of the Ashley National Forest. Intensification of management and increased use being experienced each year and expected to continue on this part of the National Forest have developed a need for the full 80-acres; therefore, it is recommended that the full 80-acres in the tract be acquired.

The files contain differing documents which bear upon the valuation of this tract:

> Mr. Pike purchased the land from the Indians by bid of $1,600. On August 2, 1961, Mr. Pike stated to Mr. D. C. Rowland, Forest Service staff officer on the Ashley National Forest, that he could have purchased the land for $500 rather than $1,600, since the next highest bid was $475.
>
> In connection with its negotiations to purchase this tract from the Indian tribe in 1960, the Forest Service developed a tentative price of $2,700. This was based on the best information the Forest Supervisor and Forest Ranger had concerning the tract itself and property values in general. On January 9, 1961, the Forest Supervisor met with the Indian tribe and the Superintendent of the local Indian agencies. He offered $2,700 for the tract. This offer was rejected by the tribe on the basis that it was already committed to sell the tract to Mr. Pike. Under date of August 28, 1961, a written Forest Service offer of $2,700 was served upon Mr. Lawrence A. Pike requesting his reply by September 15. He made no reply. On October 11, 1961, Mr. Dean A. Gardner, Attorney-In-Charge, Ogden, Utah, talked with Mr. Pike by phone. Mr. Pike said he was not interested in negotiations and would take his chances in court.

In preparation for possible condemnation the Forest Service has obtained three private appraisals of the tract. Of these the Leland Wright appraisal is considered to be inapplicable because it included some Government improvements. He indicated a value of $1,850, including some Government improvements. The Neil C. Jensen tract appraisal indicated a value of $900. That of Werner Kiepe was $700. Mr. Kiepe is a professional commercial appraiser of considerable experience and stature, therefore, we recommend that his value of $700 be deposited in the condemnation action.

The land is to be acquired under the provisions of the Act of August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 428a) and the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1962 (75 Stat. 259), a copy of which is enclosed.

The estate to be acquired is the fee simple title to the SE¼ SE¼ of Section 19 and the SW¼ SW¼ of Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 8 West, Uinta Special Meridian Subject to:

1. Easements for existing or established roads, highways, ditches, and utilities, if any.

2. Minerals and mineral rights excepted and reserved in patent no. 1221582 to the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah, and the affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah, including oil and gas, together with the right to lease, extract and retain the same, pursuant to the Act of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 868).

A brief summary of the history of this administrative site is enclosed. In addition a report of October 27, 1961, by the Attorney-In-Charge was sent you direct by him with a justification statement for condemnation from the Regional Forester and copies of the following:

Certificate of use and consent.
Appraisal Report by Werner Kiepe, M.A.I.
Appraisal Report by Leland Wright.
Appraisal Report by Neil C. Jensen.
Abstract of Title.
U. S. Patent No. 1221582.
Map.
Pertinent memorandums.

Originals of the above are retained by the Attorney-in-Charge.

Enclosures

W. L. Harper

STOCKMORE ADMINISTRATIVE SITE

5420 - CONDEMNATION
(Case designation)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
FIELD MAP SHEET

Scale 4 inches=1 mile

T. 1 N. R. 8 W. Secs. 19 & 20

Unit ASHLEY N.F.

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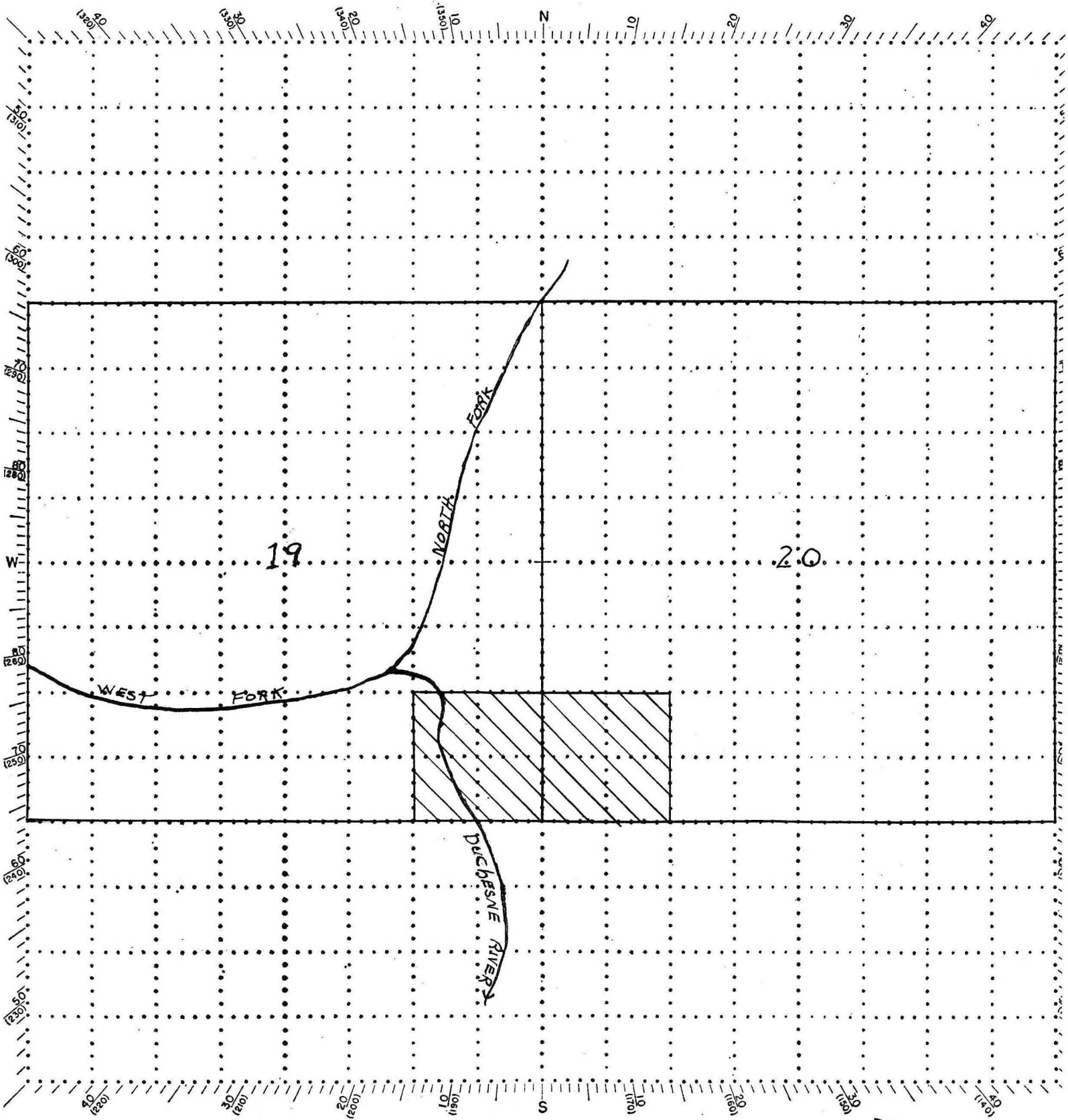

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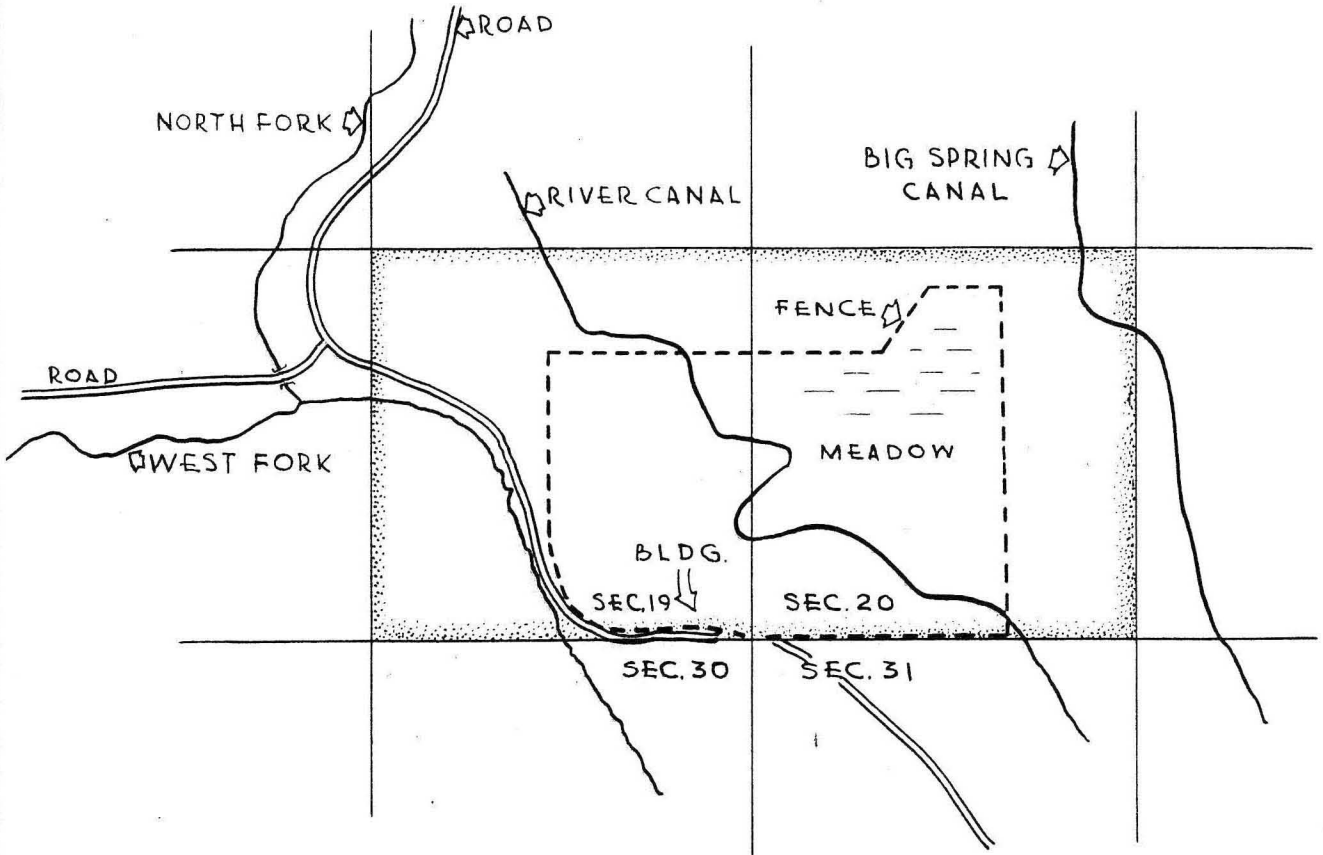

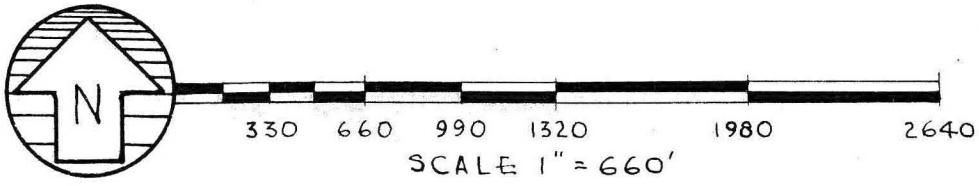

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ~ FOREST SERVICE ~ REGION FOUR

~ DIVISION OF RECREATION AND LANDS ~

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

STOCKMORE ADMINISTRATIVE SITE

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LIABILITY RECORD

Date	Dropped		Added		Parcel No.	Vouchered		Paid date	Elapsed time (Days)	First approval and running balance		Tax retentions	
	Acres	Amount	Acres	Amount		Acres	Amount			Acres	Amount	Running balance	Year
the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1962 (75 Stat. 246); Act 8-1-1888 (25 Stat. 357, 40 U.S.C. 257).													
Subject to easements and rights-of-way for existing or established roads, highways, ditches and public utilities, if any, and the exception of minerals and mineral rights excepted and reserved in Patent #1221582 to The Ute Indian Tribe of Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah.													

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1. The Stockmore Ranger Station Dwelling

2. This building constructed in about 1918 is in poor condition. It has been used for seasonal housing for the past 20 years on a bunk type basis. One room the old office has been used for storage of supplies.

3. It is located along the Duchesne River in the NE¼,NE¼ of section 30, T.1.N., R.8.W., USM.

4. Future plans call for dispoal of this building once the new facilites being planned for construction by the Bureau of Reclamation are turned over to the Forest Service. It will be maintained on a limted basis as needed with no major expenditures until then.

5. The ownership is Forest Service and the dwelling is located on an 80 acre administrative site below the National Forest.

6. It is not located on any historical registers or inventoried in RIM as a historical site.

7. Other than being old the building does not contain any known historical significance. It is located and received its name by being adjacent to the old Stockmore townsite, which orginated as a scheme to defraud miners which came and purchased lots while they hunted for gold nuggets that were supposably salted there by two indivialuals name Stockman and Moore.

   The 80 acre administrative site also contains a rich colorful history. After being withdrawn from the Indian Reservation in 1908 and improved as a Ranger Station by the Forest Service, it was claimed by a half breed Indian as a settlement when the half breeds were terminated from the Ute Indian Tribal roles. The Department of Interior would not interceed in the Forest Service behalf and a Mr. Pike became owner of the administrative site. The site was then purchased by the Forest Service through condemnation in 1962 and the title approved by the Attorney General only to find that Duchesne County had then placed the site up for sell because of back taxes when it was in Mr. Pikes ownership. Finally the County Commissioners recognizing the condemnation action had clouded the title of the property, dropped the tax sell and issued a quit claim deed to the Forest Service.

8. No historic research or archeological investigation other than that associated with the CUP has been done to our knowledge.

9. There are no specific protection needs required other than continuel maintenance if the building is to be disposed of in five or so years, or it is determined to be retained for historic purposes.

10. Its potential use as an interpretive facility would be difficuilt while the present site is being used as a work center. It is

6. Provide access to Stockmore Guard Station and pasture if alternate routes are not feasible.

7. Provide directional signing to the Guard Station if alternate routes are not feasible.

8. Obliterate and revegetate unused portion of the old road.

9. Avoid planting vegetation attractive to big game along right-of-way if other ground cover is feasible.

10. Move buildings to new site if Forest Service proposed alternate No. 2 is used.

11. Avoid unnecessarily routing road through highly productive sites.

12. Locate, construct and maintain roads to avoid canal changes.

13. Locate and construct roads which fully provide for soil stability and esthetic values.

14. Prevent damage to cut and fill slopes.

15. Stockpile top soil when encountered for placement on cut and fill slopes to facilitate revegetation.

16. Install signs needed for public safety, information and convenience.

17. Assure that signs are esthetically pleasing.

Evaluation of Multiple Use Coordinating Requirements

Watershed

At the present, watershed conditions are such that they do not present a problem. Without the project, conditions will not change. With the project, part of the now stable irrigation canal will have to be relocated and could cause problems until the canal banks are stabilized. This could be eliminated if an alternate location were used for the road. There could also be erosion problems on cut and fill slopes until they are stabilized.

Change in location will not solve erosion problems to cut and fill slopes as they will be present on any possible location for the road through the Stockmore Administrative site. It will also be necessary to obliterate and revegetate any unused portions of the old road.

Wildlife

The Stockmore area provides summer and some winter forage for deer and other wildlife. With no development, conditions will not change. With development, the new road location will be fenced on both sides

of the right-of-way. Special consideration will have to be given to construct fences so that deer can cross them easily. Consideration must also be given to planting vegetation along right-of-way that is not attractive to big game so as to cut down on the hazard of high speed traffic colliding with deer. This hazard is minor but it does exist.

Engineering

At the present time U-35 passes in front of the Stockmore Guard Station. Without the project, conditions will not change. With the project, engineering coordination will be required in trying to find a location that is sound, both from an engineering and resource management standpoint.

The location, design and construction of this project will be under the supervision and control of the Utah State Department of Highways.

The preliminary design calls for splitting the Stockmore Administrative site in two with a 200 ft. right-of-way for the proposed road.

A 132 ft. right-of-way should be considered wherever the road is built to take as little land out of production as possible. (All Forest Service proposals are based on a 132 ft. right-of-way.)

Provision should be made to provide access to the Guard Station no matter what location is used.

Esthetically pleasing signs should be installed as need for public safety, information and convenience.

Operations

The Stockmore Administrative site covers 80 acres of which approximately half is under fence for pasture and administrative buildings. The Stockmore Guard Station buildings are poorly located at present for service to the recreation traffic going into the North Fork of the Duchesne River from Wolf Creek. A more ideal site for the Guard Station is on the Northwest corner of the 80 acre site (see map). Access to the new proposed location would come from the North Fork road. With development of the highway on the proposed State location, the 200 ft. right-of-way will infringe on the new site and might preclude any building there because of lack of space.

The present road location gives access to the Guard Station. Without the project this will not change. With the project, special consideration will have to be given to provide access to the guard station.

The State proposal and Forest Service proposal Number 1 goes north of the Guard Station and would put the Guard Station below the road. If either of these locations are used a portion of the old road will have to be used for access. This will require a certain amount of maintenance. If Forest Service proposal number 3 is used, the extra maintenance will not be required as access to the station will be as it is at present. This proposal will require the moving of two small sheds to the west of the station. (see map).

If Forest Service proposal No. 2 is used the present guard station site will be destroyed and all moveable buildings will have to be moved to the new proposed site. The guard station and bunkhouse cannot be moved due to structure of these buildings.

The State proposed right-of-way cuts the Administrative site into two parts and would eliminate one of the most productive, and at present, the only irrigable part of the pasture.

Forest Service proposal No. 1 and 3 (see map) would lessen the impact on the Administrative site, with proposed location number 3 having the least impact on resource management. Forest Service proposal No. 3 would take a certain amount of productive land but would not be as serious as the State proposal.

Forest Service proposal number 1 would have to be located far enough back on the bench above the guard station complex so that public traveling would not be looking directly down on the Guard Station, thereby detract from what esthetics the site has to offer.

Range

No coordination is needed except that which is described under operations.

Timber

No commercial timber is involved on the project. No coordination is needed.

Fire Control

No coordination is needed.

Recreation

No coordination is needed except that which is described under operations.

Coordination

At the present time the management direction of the Intermountain Region Multiple Use Guide and the Duchesne Ranger District Multiple Use Plan are adequate.

Special and Functional Considerations

1. Any cut slopes should be laid back to at least a 3:1 slope.

2. Every effort shouldbbe made to establish a location for the road on Forest Service proposal number 3 first, and number 1 second if number 3 cannot be used. However, Forest Service proposal number 2 would be the best location if financing can be made available to develop the new Guard Station site east of the North Fork road (see map).

3. Construct right-of-way fences of 4 barb wires and a maximum of 42 inches high.

Appendix

1. Multiple Use Management Guide, Intermountain Region.

2. Duchesne Ranger District Multiple Use Plan.

3. Area Map.

STOCKMORE G. S. SITE PLAN, DUCHESNE R. D., ASHLEY N. F.,

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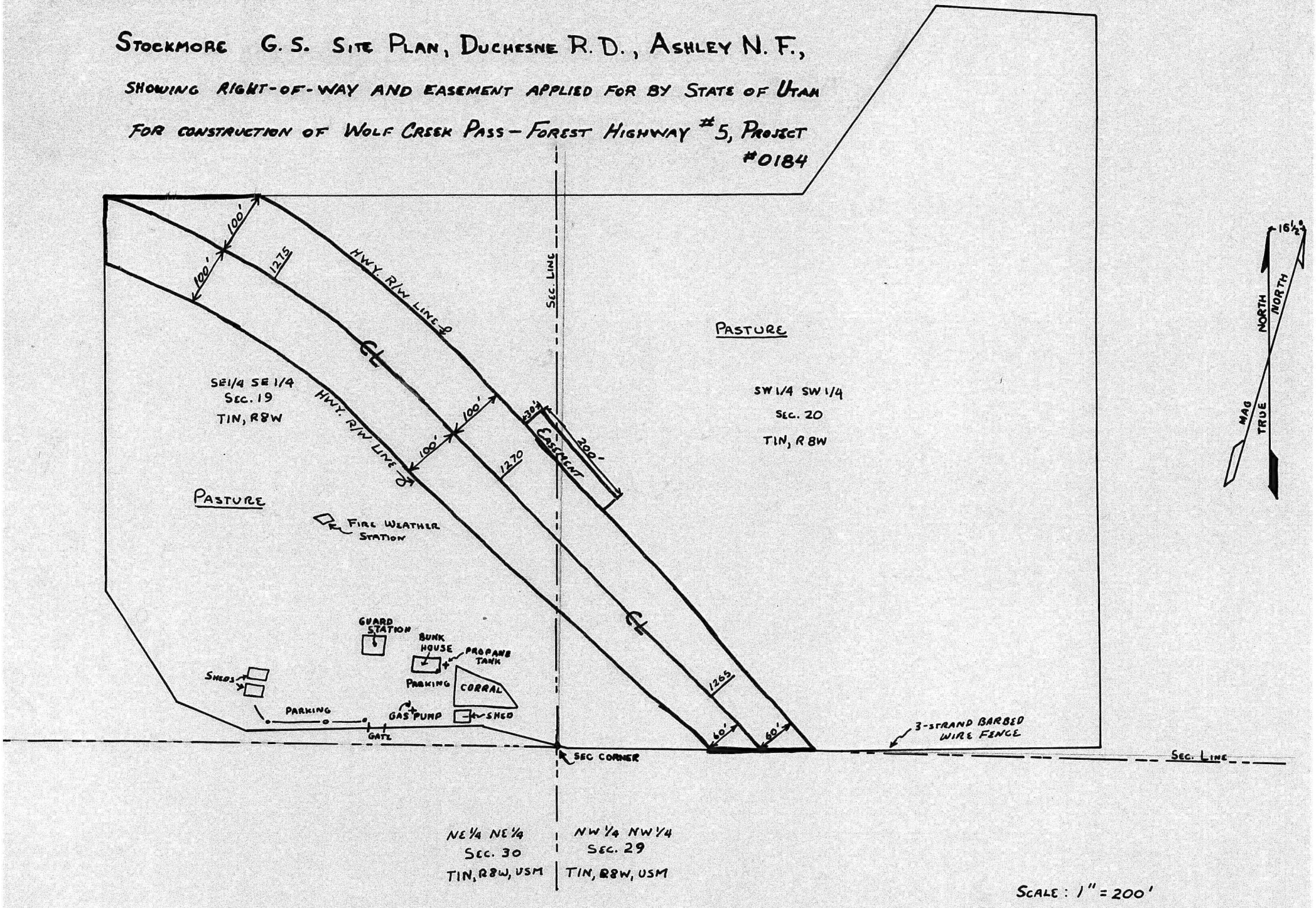

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